

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-20 and 22 are pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of claim 1, 7 and 18 in light of the amendments and arguments presented below. The features of claims 6, 12 and 21 have been incorporated into claims 1, 7 and 18, respectively. As these amendments are incorporating features from previous claims, Applicants respectfully submit that there is no need for a new search.

Applicants respectfully request that amended claims 1 and 18 are patentable over the combination of the cited references. As acknowledged by the Examiner, Jalla fails to teach the features forecasting a delay of a completion date for each of the projects wherein the report is further configured to display a list including planned tasks for the tracking period and completed tasks for the tracking period for each member, the list dynamically readjusting as the project tasks readjust. The Examiner asserts that Srinivasan teaches these features in column 7, lines 34-39. The cited section refers to avoiding conflicts between resources. Here, common resource usage is compared against the resource limits and if the limit is exceeded then adjustments are made to be within the resource limits (see Figure 9). The above described section refers to conflicts for the scheduled activities and does not refer to changes in the schedule. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 18, and corresponding dependent claims are allowable for at least these reasons. Applicants further submit that claim 17 is allowable over the cited combination for at least the above stated reasons.

With regard to claim 7, Applicants submit that the feature generating a warning if more than a target limit of the ad hoc tasks are received by a group member is not taught or disclosed by any of the cited references. The Examiner refers to column 4, lines 25-37 as disclosing this feature. Column 4, lines 25-37 refer to incomplete tasks being removed from the schedule and returned to the task pool. This has nothing to do whatsoever with generating a warning when a target limit of the ad hoc tasks are received by a group member. Applicants

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respectfully request that the Examiner specify how removing incomplete tasks disclose generating a warning when a target limit of the ad hoc tasks are received by a group member if this rejection is maintained.

With regard to claim 14, claim 14 includes the feature of an ad hoc database, the ad hoc database including non-planned tasks performed by the group members, the non-planned tasks interrupting the planned tasks. The Examiner states that column 4 of Jalla again discloses this feature. The applicants respectfully disagree with this statement as nowhere does Jalla disclose a database that stores non-planned tasks. In addition, claim 15 specifies a report generator, the report generator configured to pull data from the databases to track progress of the planned tasks and list the non-planned tasks for each member of the group. The Examiner states that the same section of column 4 specifies this feature. Applicants submit that a member reporting a progress of a task assigned from the system of Jalla, does not disclose a report generator that list non-planned tasks for the member. For at least these reasons claims 14-17 are not anticipated by Jalla.

Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance based on the foregoing remarks. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774 6921. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP026). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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